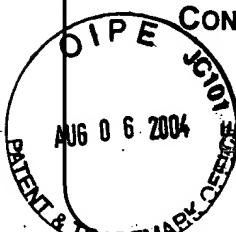


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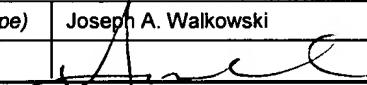
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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL  | | <i>Application Number</i> | 09/939,253 |
| Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | | <i>Filing Date</i> | August 24, 2001 |
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| | | <i>Art Unit</i> | 2826 |
| | | <i>Examiner Name</i> | A. Williams |
| | | <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 2269-4830US (01-0106.00/US) |

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